CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:

2   finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first

3   spelling that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;

4   locating, within said second file, a second spelling that is spelled similarly to, but not

5   exactly the same as, said first spelling; and

6   adding said second spelling to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first

7   spelling.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein said second file does not contain said first spelling.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said second spelling is not contained in any result

2   field of said second file.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein said second spelling is not contained in a title of said

2   second file.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein no abstract generated for said second file contains

2   said second spelling.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of said second

2   file does not contain said second spelling.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and said

2   second spelling comprises multiple words.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a

3   comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling and frequencies

4   of occurrences of said second spelling.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a

3   whether said first spelling is a plural form of said second spelling.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a

3   whether said second spelling is a plural form of said first spelling.

1 11. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,

2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to

3 perform the method recited in Claim 1.

1 12. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,

2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to

3 perform the method recited in Claim 2.

1 13. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,

2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to

3 perform the method recited in Claim 3.

1 14. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,

2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to

3 perform the method recited in Claim 4.

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1   15.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 5.

1   16.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 6.

1   17.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 7.

1   18.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 8.

1   19.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 9.

1   20.   A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2   when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3   perform the method recited in Claim 10.

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